

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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RECLASSIFICATION OF THE EARTHQUAKE SENSITIVE ZONES

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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the scientists of India Meteorological Department have given suggestions for the fresh reclassification of the earthquake sensitive zones;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the seismic activities have recently increased in different parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a)& (b): Sir, the seismic zoning map of India is published by Bureau of Indian Standards. This publication is periodically updated by the Bureau by incorporating inputs from various agencies including India Meteorological Department. The latest map was published in 1986. Action has been initiated by the Bureau of Indian Standards to revise and update this map.

(c)&(d): The occurrence of earthquakes is purely a random phenomena. Seismic tremors of slight to moderate intensity have occurred recently in various parts of the country including, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerla, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Karanataka, Northeast region, Jammu and Kashmir and Andaman Islands region.